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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES REGION 53 (TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HOLD 700 MHZ MEETING

The Region 53 (Texas-San Antonio)¹ 700 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee (RPC) will hold its next meeting on March 1, 2012, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at Alamo Area Council of Governments, 8700 Tesoro, San Antonio, Texas. Lodging is available at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 111 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas, telephone (877) 207-1412, for \$85 per night under block "Region 53."

Agenda for the Region 53 700 MHz RPC meeting includes:

- Welcome to San Antonio and the Alamo Area Council of Governmentsa) Update on DPS organization, activities and new State Legislative Liaison
- 2) Call to order, County roll-call and teleconference self-introductions (provide name and telephone number)
- 3) Approval of agenda
- 4) Review and approve previous Meeting Minutes
- 5) Discussion and final review of Plan and Appendices
 - a) Acceptance and/or concerns received from adjacent regions
 - i) Region 49 (Texas-Austin)
 - ii) Region 50 (Texas-El Paso)
 - iii) Region 51 (Texas-Houston)
 - b) Review concerns received from Region 53 members.
- 6) Final approval of the Region 53 Plan and Appendices for submission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The finalized version will include the March 1 meeting agenda, minutes, and updated Appendix B Membership List, Appendix C5 Master Contact List. All participants who have attended any meeting (or via WebEx) will be added to the Region 53 Membership List, Appendix B.
- 7) Old Business:
 - a) Please register at www.NIIX.org for future Region 53 notifications. The Region 53 contact list on NIIX will be used for meeting notifications and other Region 53 business. If you know of individuals that should be added to this list, send such information to carol.sutherland@dps.texas.gov.
 - b) Plan submittal timeline: Anticipated final approval of Plan and Appendices on March 1, 2012, with plan package to be transmitted to the FCC for review and approval, and posting on CAPRAD by March 12, 2012.

¹ The Region 53 (Texas-San Antonio) 700 MHz regional planning area consists of the counties of Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kerr, Kendall, Kinney, Kleberg, LaSalle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala.

- 8) New Business:
 - a) McAllen application.
- 9) Opportunity for public comment
- 10) Next meetings scheduled:
 - a) June 7, 2012 1st Quarterly meeting at South Texas Development Council, Laredo, Texas
 - b) September 6, 2012 Quarterly meeting, location to be announced
 - c) December 6, 2012 Quarterly meeting, location to be announced
- 11) Meeting adjourned.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may participate via the conference bridge WebEx using the following instructions:

Meeting Number: **629 270 372.** This meeting does not require a password.

- Go to https://txdpsoncall.webex.com/txdpsoncall/j.php?J=629270372
- If requested, enter your name and email address
- Click "Join"
- Follow the instructions that appear on your screen

Note: Prior to the meeting, please download and review the Region 53 Plan and Appendices:

- Go to www.NIIX.org and enter your log-on ID and password
 - o Go to: *Your Communities* (on the lower left side of the monitor)
 - o Click on Texas Region 53 700 MHz Planning Committee
 - Click on *Plan Documents* to download the Plan and Appendices. All current plan documents, meeting announcements, meeting minutes, and other pertinent information are maintained at this website.

Audio conference information: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the meeting, or call the number below and enter the access code. Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada): 1-877-668-4493, call-in toll number (US/Canada): +1-408-600-3600

The Region 53 700 MHz Public Safety RPC meeting is open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in Region 53 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that eligible public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band within Region 53 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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